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FIRST AND SECOND PHASES

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1. DURING MAY 21 TALK WITH EMBOFF, RUTH MADE CLEAR THAT
GERMANS EXPECT LITTLE SOVIET MOVEMENT DURING CURRENT
ROUND OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, FRG HOPES
ALLIES WILL PROCEED AT DELIBERATE PACE IN UTILIZING
LINKAGE ITEMS IN COUNCIL GUIDANCE. RUTH MADE PARTICULAR
POINT OF SAYING THAT REVIEW PROVISION (PART V) OF
COUNCIL GUIDANCE WAS SUFFICIENT FOR THE PRESENT IN VIEW

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OF SOVIET STONEWALLING PENDING CSCE CONCLUSION.

2. RUTH SAID HE WOULD PREFER PURSUING THE DISCUSSIONS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING WESTERN POSITIONS, AS ENRICHED BY THE NEW NO-INCREASE CONCEPT. RUTH FAVORED EMPLOYING THE FIXED PERIOD OF TIME AND REVIEW PROVISION IDEAS IN LATE JUNE OR EARLY JULY RATHER THAN THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE. SUBJECT TO UK AND CANADIAN AGREEMENT, THE GENERAL COMMITMENT TO REDUCE COULD BE PLACED IN SOVIET LUGGAGE FOR CONTEMPLATION BEFORE SUMMER RECESS.

3. EMBOFF SAID THE ABOVE APPROACH RAN THE DANGER THAT THERE COULD BE LEAKAGE OF COUNCIL GUIDANCE PRIOR TO ITS USE WITH THE RUSSIANS. RUTH ACKNOWLEDGED THIS DANGER AND AGREED THAT NEGOTIATING TACTICS WERE BEST DETERMINED BY VIENNA AD HOC GROUP. HE SAID BONN WOULD NOT DRAG ITS FEET IN VIENNA. THE KEY POINT, IN THE GERMAN VIEW, IS THAT ALLIED CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE PRESENTED IN SUCH A WAY THAT ALL ELEMENTS FORM ONE LOGICAL CONSTRUCTION OF WESTERN GENERAL INTENT RATHER THAN APPEARING TO BE THE RESULT OF SOVIET SALAMI TACTICS.

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